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SUBJECT: AEROAMERICA SCHEDULED SERVICE TO SAARBRUECKEN

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1. CONCUR IN EMBASSY VIEWS RETEL.

2. WE SPOKE TO AEROAMERICA REP MATHUS APRIL 22 AND
REMINDED HIM OF SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ALLIED AUTHORITIES
AND THE ALLIED AIR CARRIERS BEAR TOWARD BERLIN TRAVELING
PUBLIC. MATHUS SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT AND
THAT HE TOOK SERIOUSLY THESE OBLIGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT,
REGRETTABLY, THE LEASED BAC 1-11 AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS TO HAVE
ARRIVED IN BERLIN APRIL 13 WAS STILL IN THE US. AEROAMERICA
PRESIDENT JOEL EISENBERG HAD RECENTLY SENT TELEX STATING
DELIVERY OF BAC 1-11 HAS BEEN DELAYED. MATHUS LEFT
IMPRESSION HE WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH POSITION OF HIS BOSS
AND WOULD PREFER TO HAVE F-27 TO BE PUT INTO SERIVCE
IMMEDIATELY.

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3. IN VIEW OF UNDESIRABLE LOCAL IMPACT THAT INTRODUCTION

OF LESS THAN ANTICIPATED SERVICE WILL HAVE, WE THINK WE
SHOULD HAVE PRIVATE WORD WITH SENAT ABOUT THIS PROSPECT
AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT AS POSSIBLE.
ACCORDINGLY, WE ASKED MATHUS NOT TO SAY ANYTHING EITHER
TO PRESS OR TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES HERE UNTIL AFTER HE
HAS SPOKEN WITH US. HE AGREED. SINCE PROPOSED SERVICE
TO SAARBRUECKEN WAS ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR, AEROAMERICA HAS
BEEN TELLING PRESS THAT COMMENCEMENT DATE WOULD BE
RELEASED TO PUBLIC SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE. MATHUS IS
ADHERING TO THIS LINE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ADHERENCE
TO THE JUNE 1 STARTING DATE WOULD OBVIOUSLY FORCE AN
ABBREVIATION OF THE SIX WEEK PERIOD.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT EMBASSY APPROVE OUR INFORMING
SENAT OF LIMITED SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE AS SOON AS FRENCH
AND BRITISH CONCURRENCE IS OBTAINED. GEORGE

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